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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: PROPOSAL FOR A MEETING OF POLOFFS AND DATTS TO
DISCUSS POLMIL SITUATION IN SUBREGION

REF: QUITO 0174

1. I AGREE THAT THE SUBJECT SHOULD BE GIVEN FURTHER AND
DEEPER CONSIDERATION BUT I BELIEVE THAT THE MEETING SHOULD
BE AT THE LEVEL OF CHIEFS OF MISSION AND WITH THE ASSISTANT
SECRETARY OF ARA. I FEAR THAT THE MOTIVE FOR A SPECIAL
MEETING WILL LEAK AND WE WILL THEN BE CONTRIBUTING TO THE
TENSIONS BY SHOWING HEIGHTENED USG CONCERN. I SUGGEST THAT
AT THE NEXT COM MEETING A DAY BE SET ASIDE FOR THIS PURPOSE.

2. I AGREE THAT GREATER EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION IS REQUIRED
WHICH CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED BY MORE LATERAL DISTRIBUTION OF CABLES
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AND BY TREATING MATTERS SUCH AS PERUVIAN ARMS PURCHASES AS
REGIONAL RATHER THAN BILATERAL.

3. I SUGGEST THAT POLITICAL OFFICERS AND DAO'S EXCHANGE
WRITTEN ANALYSES TO COVER THE POINTS IN PARA 2 OF REFTTEL. SUCH
EXCHANGES MIGHT BE MADE QUARTERLY OR SEMI-ANNUALLY OR WHEN
REQUIRED. THIS EXERCISE WOULD ELIMINATE THE "BULL SESSION"

CHARACTER OF CONFERENCES, WHEN OPTIONS, SCENARIOS, POTENTIALS, ETC., ARE DISCUSSED. BASED ON THESE PAPERS WASHINGTON COULD EVOLVE AND CIRCULATE A CONTINGENCY AND POLICY PAPER BROUGHT UP TO DATE SEVERAL TIMES A YEAR. ARA ALREADY HAS DONE THIS ON ITS REPORT ON MILITARY GOVERNMENTS IN THE SOUTHERN CONE.

4. I WORRY ABOUT "SHARPENING UP OUR INTELLIGENCE COLLECTION REQUIREMENTS". I AM NOT SO CONCERNED ABOUT LACK OF INFORMATION AS I AM ABOUT MISINTERPRETATION AND REASONALIZATIONS BOTH IN THE FIELD, INCLUDING LA PAZ AND WASHINGTON.
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